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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following between lines 1 and 2, after the title, on page 1 of the specification.

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) and 35 U.S.C. §365 of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007094, filed July 3, 2003, which was published in German as International Patent Publication No. WO2004/007607 on January 22, 2004, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application No. 102 31 334.2, filed July 11, 2002.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following between lines 5 and 6 on page 1 of the specification.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following between lines 3 and 4 on page 2 of the specification.

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following between lines 7 and 8 on page 3 of the specification.

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace line 1 on page 40 of the specification with the following.

--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--